

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Idahoans are enthusiastic participants in a variety of recreational activities, from whitewater rafting and hiking to camping and fishing; and

WHEREAS, outdoor activities contribute to the physical well-being and happiness of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is dedicated to protecting our wildlife heritage and the mission of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is "To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship"; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 we will celebrate the Centennial of state parks in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is committed to accommodating changing recreational needs and growing populations in parks such as Eagle Island, where we are creating a new kind of urban park with recreational amenities such as kayaking, camping, horseback riding and nature study; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Island State Park is one of many examples where the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game are partners in helping Idahoans enjoy the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, June 9 is Free Fishing Day in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation is a major contributor to tourism, Idaho's third-largest industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 2007 to be

## GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in Idaho, and I invite citizens to observe this month by taking advantage of the many opportunities our state offers for family outdoor recreation activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at Boise, Idaho, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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